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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE ON ELECTION VICTORY

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1. CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM LATE YESTERDAY AS COURTESY BEFORE DEPARTING ON LEAVE. FEELING I COULD HARDLY IGNORE LAST WEEK'S ELECTIONS, I EXPRESSED MY GRATIFICATION THAT HE AND HIS GOVT WOULD BE CONTINUING IN OFFICE AND SAID I LOOKED FORWARD TO MAINTENANCE SAME CORDIAL WORKING RELATIONS WHICH HAD MARKED MY THREE AND A HALF YEARS HERE.

2. BURNHAM WAS MOST FRIENDLY AND RELAXED THROUGHOUT OUR TALK, BUT I SUSPECT HE THOUGHT I HAD COME TO DELIVER SOME FORMAL MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS. HE INQUIRED GRACIOUSLY (BUT ALSO PERHAPS POINTEDLY) ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S HEALTH AND ASKED THAT I RELAY HIS SINCEREST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY AND COMPLETE RECOVERY. I WISHED HIM WELL ON HIS TRAVELS TO OTTAWA AND AFRICA AND SAID I LOOKED FORWARD TO SEEING HIM IN THE FALL.

3. WHILE WE SEEM TO HAVE COME OUT OF THIS WITHOUT GENERATING ANY CRISIS, AM SURE BURNHAM (AND OTHERS) WILL NOTE AND REMEMBER OUR OMISSION.

4. FYI. CANADA'S PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU HAS SENT CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TIED INTO FORTHCOMING OTTAWA MEETING OF COMMONWEALTH CHIEFS OF STATE. HE COULD DO NO LESS IN CIRCUMSTANCES, OF
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